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SUMMARY: TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATING THE MAY 16 MAO CIRCULAR WHICH LAUNCHED THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION EULOGIZED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CR AND UNIVERSALLY ACCLAIMED ITS NECESSITY AND TIMELINESS. REFERENCES TO FUTURE ACTIONS AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG HSIAO-PING AND HIS FOLLOWERS APPEARED CONTRADICTORY, WITH SOME NEW MAO QUOTATIONS RAISING THE POSSIBILITY OF STRUGGLES AGAINST ENTRENCHED AND NO LONGER REVOLUTIONARY CADRES. FEW TURNOUTS AMONG THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP APPEAR TO HIGHLIGHT CONTINUED DIVISION THERE, AND THE FRAIL APPEARANCE OF CHAIRMAN MAO IN HIS MEETING WITH SINGAPORE'S LEE KWAN YEW RAISED FURTHER CONCERN ABOUT THE CHAIRMAN'S HEALTH. THE HONG KONG PRC-OWNED PRESS HAS INCREASED ITS COMMENTARY ON THE US ELECTION CAMPAIGN, FOCUSING ON THE "DETENTE ISSUE" IN THE REAGAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PRESIDENT. ANTI-SOVIET INVECTIVE CONTINUES WITH THE CURRENT UNCTAD MEETING AS THE MAJOR FOCUS, AN ISSUE ON WHICH THE US IS ALSO BEING ATTACKED. END SUMMARY

1. CULTURAL REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY--LOOKING FOR NEW TARGETS
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THE COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S MAY 16 CIRCULAR LAUNCHING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION BROUGHT THE REGIME'S MEDIA CAMPAIGN A BIT CLOSER TO THE GOAL OF STRIKING OUT AT TENG FOLLOWERS IN THE PARTY. THE JOINT COMMEMORATION ARTICLE BY PEOPLE'S DAILY, LIBERATION ARMY DAILY AND RED FLAG EDITORIAL BOARDS ALSO INCLUDED FOUR NEW MAO QUOTATIONS WHICH EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY FOR STRUGGLE. TWO OF THE QUOTATIONS RAISED THE SPECTER OF CONTENTION BY ARGUING THAT THE MASSES

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WILL SEEK TO DRAG DOWN HIGH OFFICIALS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR REVOLUTIONARY WAYS. NEVERTHELESS, THE ARTICLE FAILS TO CALL FOR MASS ACTION. THE ABSENCE OF NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS OR A NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TURNOUT AND THE LOW-LEVEL PLAY GIVEN TO THE PEKING MUNICIPAL-SPONSORED REALLY SUGGEST CONTINUED DIVISIONS AT THE TOP (HONG KONG 5621). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. IN THE PROVINCES, MOST TOP PARTY AND PLA LEADERS TURNED OUT FOR THE REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE MAY 16 ANNIVERSARY. WHILE THE EMPHASIS ON CULTURAL REVOLUTION ACHIEVEMENTS WAS HIGH, LOCAL POWERHOLDERS SEEMED TO EMPHASIZE THE PRIMACY OF STUDY AND PARTY CONTROL OF ALL ACTIVITIES. WHILE THE NATIONAL ARTICLE FAILED TO MENTION THE PRESUMED CENTRAL DOCUMENT LANGUAGE ON "TRACKING DOWN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES" (WR 18), PROVINCIAL MEDIA CONTINUED TO FEATURE THIS THEME WITH THE STRONG SUGGESTION THAT THE LOCAL BOSSES WOULD BE DECIDING WHO THE REAL TROUBLE-MAKERS WERE AND METING OUT PUNISHMENT ACCORDINGLY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. SOVIET LINK FOR TENG?

LIANG HSIAO, THE MOST ACTIVE OF THE MEDIA COMMENTATORS, ADDED ANOTHER DIMENSION TO THE ATTACK AGAINST TENG AND HIS LINE IN A MAY 18 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE. THE FRONT-PAGED STORY MAKES A STRONG CASE FOR TENG HSIAO-PING BEING THE SECRET HOPE OF THE SOVIETS AND AS SUCH THE MAN THEY WOULD BACK TO LEAD THEIR REVISIONIST SCHEMES IN CHINA. FOLLOWING ON THIS ASSERTION, THE DESCRIPTION OF TENG A POTENTIAL TRAITOR AND THUS NOT A GOOD BET FOR CONTINUED PARTY MEMBERSHIP. IN ADDITION, THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE SOVIETS AS STILL ACTIVAEIN THEIR CONSPIRACY AND THUS PRESUMABLY IMPLIES THERE ARE OTHER POTENTIAL TRAITORS IN CHINA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES TO HIT OUT AT "OTHER CAPITALIST ROADERS" IN THE PARTY AND ASSERTS THAT THEY WERE THE ONE WHO MASTERMINDED THE RSBS YCKMCN#INCIDENT. THE SUSTAINED ATTACK ON TIKO AND HIS FOLLOWERS IN THE PARTY SEEMS DESIGNED TO KEEP UP PRESSURE AND EXPAND THE PERMITTED TARGETS BEYOND TENG. IN ADDITION, THE AIM IS CLEARLY TO UNDERMINE THE COMPROMISE ELEMENTS OF THE APRIL 7 POLITBURO DECISIONS WHICH ALLOWED TENG TO STAY IN THE PARTY AND WHICH SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKED THE CAMPAIGN'S PROMOTERS FROM MOVING HIGHER IN THE PARTY RANKS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. MORE SIGNS OF PROVINCIAL UNREST

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KWEICHOW HAS JOINED THE LIST OF PROVINCES ADMITTING TO
COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY INCIDENTS DURING LAST MONTH'S CHING MING
FESTIVAL. SPEAKERS AT TWO SUCCESSIVE RALLIES LAST WEEK
REFERRED TO LOCAL INCIDENTS OF SABOTAGE AND DISTURBANCES
INCLUDING WALLPOSTERS, HANDBILLS, AND ANANYMOUS LETTERS.
ELSEWHERE, NEWS ACCOUNTS HAVE REPORTED RECENT POSTER ATTACKS
ON HUNANA SECOND SECRETARY CHANG PING-HUA, A TARGET EARLIER
THIS YEAR (WR 12). AND ON SHENSI FIRST SECRETARY LI JUI-SHAN.
BOTH LEADERS, HOWEVER, CONTINUE ACTIVE WITH APPEARANCES AT
MAY 16 RALLIES. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT POSTERS HAVE
REAPPEARED IN SHENYANG ATTACKING CHEN HSI-LIEN FOR ACTS
COMMITTED WHEN HE WAS STILL MILITARY REGIONAN COMMANDER THERE.
THESE APPEAR TO BE OLD CHARGES ON LOCAL ISSUES, BUT THEY NOW
APPARENTLY ATTEMPT TO LINK HIM WITH THE DISGRACED TENG.

6. SEVERAL PROVINCES HAVE GIVEN PROMINENCE TO ATTACKS ON
CHOU EN-LAI'S ALLEGED WILL, IMPLYING THAT IT IS A SOURCE
OF SOME OF THEIR TROUBLES. KWEICHOW LEADERS HAVE CALLED FOR
FULL EXPOSURE OF THE REACTIONARY NATURE OF THE SO-CALLED
WILL, WHILE A KWANGSI RALLY SINGLED IT OUT AS A COUNTERREVOL-
TIONARY RUMOR WHICH MUST BE APRTICULARLY TRACKED DOWN. LIMITED
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7. LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

MAO TSE-TUNG MET BRIEFLY WITH VISITING SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER
LEE KUAN-YEW, WITH PRESS COVERAGE OF THE EVENT CAUSING NEW
SPECULATION ABOUT THE CHAIRMAN'S HEALTH. WHILE THE OFFICIAL
NCNAN PRESS PHOTO SHOWED A SEATED MAO, WHO WAS APPARENTLY
HAVING DIFFICULTY HOLDING HIS HEAD ERECT, TELEVISION COVERAGE
PORTRAYED HIM AS QUITE ANIMATED, STANDING SHAKING HANDS,
AND GESTURING AS HE CONVERSED. THE WEEKS'S OTHER SIGNIFICANT
APPEARANCE ON THE NATIONAL SCENE WAS VICE PREMIER SUN CHIEN'S
ATTENDANCE AT THE FUNERAL OF FORMER COMMUNICATIONS VICE MINISTER
TAN CHEN-A FUTHER CONFIRMATION OF SUN'S CONCERN WITH HEAVY
INDUSTRY MATTERS. UNCLASSIFIED

8. IN THE PROVINCES, WUHAN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER YANG
TE-CHIH, APPARENLY HAVING RECOVERED FORM HIS ILLNESS (WR 15),
SPOKE AT A RALLY LAST WEEK. IN KWANGSI, A BROADCAST IDENTIFIED
CHIAO HSIAO-KUANG FOR THE FIRST TIME AS PROVINCIAL PARTY
SECOND SECRETARY. CHIAO IS AN OLD CADRE WHO SERVED IN KWANGSI
IN THE EARLY 1950'S MOVED TO PYONGYANG AS AMBASSADOR 1956-61,
AND THEN RETURNED TO HIS PROVINCE TO BECOME PARTY SECRETARY
AND EVENTUALLY ACTING FIRST SECRETARY ON THE EVE OF THE CULTURAL
REVOLUTION. HE THEN DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT, REAPPEARING IN
1971 AND WORKING HIS WAY BACK UP THROUGH THE HIERARCHY SINCE

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THEN. IN PERENNIALLY TROUBLED FUKIEN, MEANWHILE VETERAN CADRE TENG CHAO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FIRST DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE FOOCHOW PARTY ORGANIZATION. FOOCHOW GOT A NEW SECRETARY LAST FALL, ONLY TO HAVE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL NAMED AS ACTING SECRETARY IN JANUARY. THE LATEST APPOINTEMENT IS A FUTHER INDICATION THAT THE LEADERSHIP SITUATION THERE IS STILL UNSETTLED. UNCLASSIFIED

9. THE UNITED STATES

THE PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO IN HONG KONG HAS CARRIED A JIJI REPORT ON THE NOMINATION OF AMBASSADOR HUMMEL AS THE NEW EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY WITH SUBHEADINGS NOTING THAT THE NOMINATION INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO RELATIONS WITH CHINA. THE BRIEF ITEM PROVIDED A THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH WHICH NOTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS BORN IN CHINA AND WORKED WITH THE CHINESE GUERRILLA FORCES AFTER THE JAPANESE CONFIDENTIAL

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OCCUPATION CURTAILED HIS TEACHING AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN PEKING. UNCLASSIFIED

10. MEANWHILE AS THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL STRUGGLE INTENSIFIES, NCNA REPORTING CONTINUES TO INDICATE THAT US VISITORS ARE WELCOMED IN CHINA. DURING THE WEEK NCNA NOTED THE MEETINGS OF NPC VICE CHAIRMAN YAO LIEN-WEI WITH THE US MATHEMATICIANS' DELEGATION, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (IN ST. LOUIS) PROFESSOR STANLEY SPECTOR WITH WU YU-HSUN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND "AMERICAN FRIENDS" NANCY AND ALLISON STILLWELL WITH CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR FREINDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES' PRESIDENT WANG PING-NAN. UNCLASSIFIED

11. THE US PRESDIENTIAL CAMPAIGN HAVE BEEN THE TOPIC OF SEVERAL COMMENTARIES IN THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS DURING THE WEEK. THE PAPERS HAVE NOTED THAT, WITH REAGAN LEADING THE PRESDIENT BY 134 DELEGATES, THE VISIT OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT ON THE EVE OF THE MICHIGAN PRIMARY SHOULD BE A BOOST TO THE PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN. NOTING REPORTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL NOT CONTINUE IN OFFICE AFTER THE ELECTIONS AND ATTACKS ON THE FORD-KISSINGER DETENTE POLICIES, THE COMMENTARIES HAVE ASSERTED THAT US POLICIES TOWARD THE SOVIETS ARE AN IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN ISSUE. LOCAL PRESS HAS ALSO REPLAYED REPORTS OF SOVIET EMBASSY INTREST IN THE CARTER CAMPAING. UNCLASS

12. A HARD-HITTING NCNA ARTICLE OF MAY 15 ACCUSED THE US OF ATTEMPTING TO PRASS ITS ECONOMIC CRISIS TO THE THIRD WORLD. IT ASSERTED THAT SINCE 1973 THE US "BY HOOK OR BY CROOK" HAS CUT IMPORTS OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS FROM THE THIRD WORLD WHILE SHARPLY INCREASING US EXH

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RTS TO THEM, CONSEQUENTLY DAMAGING
THIRD WORLD ECONOMIES. AN EARLIER NCNA REPORT ON THE UNCTAD
CONFERENCE MAINTAINED THAT THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO THE GROUP
HAD "CAUSED RESENTMENT AMONG THE DELEGATES OF MANY THIRD WORLD
CORUNTIRES." (HONG KONG 5470). GIVEN ITS SELF-STYLED ROLE
AS THE CHAMPION OF THIRD WORLDINTRESTS, THE CHINESE MAY
WELL BE ATTEMPTING TO RESPOND TO CRITICISM ABOUT THEIR UNEVEN
TREATMENT OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. (NCNA, MAY 12-18). LIMITED
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13. SOVIET UNION

THE BULK OF PRC'S CONDEMNATION AT THE UNCTAD MEETING, HOWEVER REMAINS POINTED AT THE SOVIETS. NCNA PROVIDED TWO SEPERATE COMMENTARIES DURING THE WEEK SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNING THE SOVIETS' UNCTAD PERFORMANCE, ONE DIRECTED TOWARD THIRD WORLD "RESENTMENT" OF THE SOVIETS POSITION AND THE OTHER A REPLY TO SOVEIT ANTI-CHINESE CHARGES. NATURALLY, ACCORDING TO NCNA, THE SOVIETS "FAILED TO ANSWER THE SOLEMN REBUTTAL FROM THE CHINESE DELEGATION". ADDITIONALLY DURING THE WEEK, THE SOVIET WERE ATTACKED ON THE USUAL ISSUE-EXPLIITATION OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES, ATTEMPTS AT MARINE HEGEMONY, DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL FAILURES AS WELL AS DISCRIMINATION AGANST A THAI ARTS TROUPE THAT RECENTLY VISITED MOSCOW. NCNA ALSO NOTED THE ARREST OF SOVIET SPIES IN DENMARK AND JAPAN. THE JAPANESE CASE WAS USFFSIN A PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE TO CLAIM THAT AN UNNAMED US NEWSPAPER HAD RECENTLY CHARGED THAT THE NUMBER OF SOVIET BLOC NATIONS'S SPIES IN THE US HAD INCREASED "ABOUT 75 PERCENT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS" (NCNA, MAY 12-17).
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14. SINGAPORE AND ASEAN

IN ADDITION TO HIS BRIEF MAY 12 CALL ON CHAIRMAN MAO, LEE KWAN YEW, THE FIRST ASEAN HEAD OF STATE TO VISIT THE PRC SINCE HUA KUO-FENG'S APPOINTMENT AS PREMIER, ALSO CONTINUED

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HIS TALKS WITH THE CHINESE PREMIER. IN REMARKS AT LEE'S RETURN BANQUET, HE CHARACTERZIED PROPSECTS FOR CORDIAL RELATONS WITH PEKING AS "GOOD" WHILE HUA EXPRESSED "CONFIDENCE"THAT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP "ON THE BAISIS OF THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTANCE," NO AGREEMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED. THE FOLLOWING DAY, ACCOMPANIED BY VICE FONMIN CHUNG HSI-TUNG, THE SINGAPORE PRIME MINSTER AND HIS PARTY BEGAN VISITS TO PLACES OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL. THUS FAR THEY HAVE TRAVELED TO SHANGHAI, WUHSI, TACHAI, AND SIAN. UNCLASSIFIED

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15. RELATED TO THE LEE VISIT, THE CHINESE HAVE AGAIN UNDER-SCORED PRC SUPPORT FOR ASEAN. AN NCNA CORRESPONDENT ARTICLE OF MAY 15 PRAISED THE STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG ASEAN COUNTIRES, PREDICTABLY LINKING THE ASEAN EFFORTS WITH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONALISM, AND HEGEMONISM (NCNA, MAY 12-18). UNCLASSIFIED

16. SOUTH ASIA

NCNA NOTED APPROVINGLY THE INDIA-PAKISTAN AGREEMENT AND, IN A SEPERATE ITEM, IMPROVEMENT OF PAKISTAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH NCNA PROVIDED NO COMMENT OF ITS OWN IN EITHER REPORT, SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN SOUTH AISA AND CLOSER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE SOUTH ASIAN STATES ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE PRC'S OVERALL FOREIGN POLICY LINE. UNDOBTEDLY, PEKING VIEWS SUCH RELATIONSHIPS AS CONTRIBUTING TO A LESSENING OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGION AS WELL AS BEING GENERALLY HELPFUL TO PEKING'S OWN INTREST IN INPROVING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA WHILE STILL MAINTAINING CLOSE TIES WITH PAKISTAN AND INDIA'S OTHER NEIGHBORS. IN KEEPING WITH THIS POLICY VICE FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG IS CURRENLTY HOSTING THE VISIT OF THE SRI LANKAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NCNA, MAY 14-17) CONFIDENTIAL

17. PRC DIPLOMATS

NCNA ON MAY 13 REPORTED THE DEPARTURE FOR POST OF CHINA'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA, LIU CHUN. AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, LIU UNTIL RECENTLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY. ON THE SAME DATE, CHANG YING PRESENTED HIS LETTER OF INTRODUCTION AS THE CHARGE D'AFFARIS AT THE NEW PRC EMBASSY IN FIJI. ON MAY 15 LIU YING-HSIEN, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS AS PRC AMBASSADOR TO SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. UNCLASSIFIED. GETSINGER

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